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South Viet Nam Coup

Dear Editor: What a ugly mess the United States is in in South Viet Nam. The war against the rebels who are proclaimed as Communists is almost suspended while a struggle for power over the South Vietnamese government goes on. Billions of U.S. dollars have been spent. Thirty thousand U.S. troops are there to train and lead the struggle against the rebels. One and one-half million dollars per day is being spent to no avail as regards to stated objective.

Now the Catholic Ngo Diem regime is wiped out by a Vietnamese army coup organized, it is charged, by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Has the United States lost control of the Central Intelligence Agency as the U2 incident and the Cuban invasion previously disclosed?

The convulsions of this coup

will embroil Asia and destroy the image of America.

The situation is now made to order for negotiation between Soviet Russia, the United States and the United Nations to establish a truce and a neutral government over South Viet Nam. The perspective is withdrawal of U.S. forces except in the city of Saigon, a Southeast Asian Berlin.

The alternative is a U.S. attempt to continue the war. In the light of the changed political perspectives, we can expect Red China to step into the picture directly and soon. This is the danger. The haste with which the new Buddhist government was recognized by the Kennedy administration clearly shows that the United States

has little choice if complete chaos is to be prevented in U.S.-Vietnamese relations.

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